

## FW: FYS committee routing form

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[Dr Grupe: I just saw your form attached and are attaching it to this email with the notes below. Thanks](#)

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**From:** J Morgan

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:22 AM

**To:** Dirk Grupe <d.grupe@moreheadstate.edu>

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Hello Dr. Grupe:

Let's see if Dr. Russell has the form you note, but in the mean time I can bullet out the items below on FYS.

I have reviewed the proposal sent forth by the F.S. for a new FYS sub-committee. While I do not have an issue with conversations continuing between you and the Provost on how a different sub-committee might be crafted, I do not think the current proposal is one that should be adopted.

I will admit that the proposal spans a transitioning provost to a new provost, as well as COVID hiccups, and thus some time and intersections have passed. We have talked about this a couple of times over the past few months, but I can outline a few items below:

First, in some of the communications there is the assertion that the current FYS curriculum does not meet SACSCOC requirements. I do not believe that this is the case. The curriculum, as far as I know and that has been confirmed, has been through the GEC and approved -- which is the appropriate curricular committee for general education courses, including FYS. Likewise, the instructors for the FYS courses have been credentialed on the appropriate credentialing forms that MSU uses.

Second, the composition of the proposed sub-committee does not strike me as a sub-committee that is representative of all aspects/disciplines of campus. Should we move in a different pathway / or different FYS sub-committee, I would think we would broaden the committee some. The provost relayed to me that he had spoken to you about some structures that were lesser focused on specific members, and more representative of campus.

Third, I am a little unclear on the notion of a FYS sub-committee reviewing the teaching of the FYS instructors. I believe a sub-committee could look at any reviews, but an administrator should also handle the review as well.

The outline of our FYS course is very much in line with what we see nationally, and good practice, for first year / transition type courses. If there are some tweaks along the way I think that would be

appropriate – as all curriculum should be reviewed periodically and have the opportunity for tweaks.

I would encourage you to continue to speak to the Provost to see if you two can find a structure that might work. We are approaching the end of roughly three years of FYS (this May, 2021 – I think), which might be an appropriate time to generally review FYS. If you and the Provost can agree on a sub-committee structure, I would be glad to look at it.

Thanks

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Dear Dr Morgan

Can you please send me the routing form for the FYS subcommittee with specific points why you are rejecting the FYS subcommittee proposal that Faculty Senate passed in March. As you know we will have a special called meeting about this issue on Thursday, so the sooner I can get this from you the better.

Thank you very much in advance

All the best

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